

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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FIRE IN GARDENREACH SHIPBUILDERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons behind the divastating fire that broke in Gardenreach shipbuilders on November 5, 2002;
- (b) the details of loss of property and life suffered thereby; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to check such incidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

- (a) A high level Committee constituted by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited (GRSE) has established that the fire originated from a short circuit inside the Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) located in the Adjacent room of Computer Aided Design (CAD) Centre.
- (b) The fire destroyed computers and associated hardware, furniture, electrical fittings, air-conditioning, air ventilation system and the steel structure supporting the roof of the Central Design Office complex. The book value of the assets destroyed was about Rs. 1.5 crore. There was no loss of life.
- (c) Necessary instructions already exist with regard to fire safety measures. A high level committee was constituted to establish the cause of the fire at Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd. The company has been asked to take precautionary measures to avoid occurrence of such incidents in future.